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## **ANTIVENEREAL CAMPAIGN MUST NOT RELAX.**

The end of actual fighting in the world war does not lessen the necessity for the campaign against venereal diseases. Rather, it becomes a greater war emergency measure than ever. Cessation of hostilities centers attention on the return of the victorious American forces. On entering the service the men became subject to Army and Navy discipline, which, in the control of venereal diseases within the ranks, is rigid. Prior to demobilization, the tense fighting morale of the forces is bound to relax. The men will be buoyant in spirit and eager to celebrate. When mustered out they will return to conditions in civilian life which have been responsible for venereal disease. Many of them will contract it as a result. Unless all cases of venereal disease have proper treatment during the period of reconstruction, the scourge will reach alarming proportions. The time from now on is the most critical of all.

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## **INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF ADULTERATED MILK.**

The contention of a dairy company, that adulterated milk which it had shipped from one State to itself in another State for treatment prior to sale was not an article of food as defined by the food and drugs act while in transit, was overruled in a decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit.<sup>1</sup> The court held that in passing the act, Congress was endeavoring to protect the public by keeping out of commerce certain illicit articles, debased by adulteration, and that it would be an unjustifiable construction of the act to make liability turn upon a difference in identity of consignor and consignee, or the secret intent with which a shipper made the shipment.

The court also overruled the dairy company's contention that there could be no liability because it was not proved that the adulteration injured the milk. Section 7 of the act, it was stated, made it unnecessary to consider whether the addition of water in this case injuriously affected the quality or strength of the milk.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision Feb. 20, 1918, affirming conviction of the dairy company for violating the food and drugs act, reported 250 Fed. Rep., 231.